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STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The Student Association met for its weekly meeting in the SA office on Tuesday, October 31, 1967, at 6:00 p.m. All the Council was present. Mike O'Neal opened the meeting with a prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Homecoming

President O'Neal orally commended the Council in their work toward a successful Homecoming. He asked that all the project reports be turned in to him by the next meeting, November 7. A special reminder was given to Richard Davis for his STUDENT DIRECTORY report. Mike informed the project chairmen to send thank you notes to those students outside SA who helped them. O'Neal then asked the Council to express any recommendations for the improvement of the Homecoming activities.

1. Bonfire needs to be guarded the night before the bonfire.
2. Floats need to be more distributed throughout the parade.
3. A script is needed for the game half-time moderator.

A letter of apology from Movie Chairman, Roy Terry, was read to the Council by Mike. Roy revealed his regret for allowing the show, "A Man ~~and~~ Could Get Killed," to be shown on campus. His basis for ordering the movie was from the approval of the Catholics indicated in their movie publication.

Powder Puff Game

The Council agreed that the previous plan voted to have a Powder Puff Game during Pledge Week would not allow enough time for the girls to practice. Mary K Walker moved to have the game November 17, on a Friday night. Helen Howell seconded the motion and it carried. It was voted for the freshmen and senior girls to play the sophomore and junior girls after Gailyn Van Rheenan moved such and Carol Markham seconded the motion. Mike placed Rick Harris in charge of the game. It was discussed to charge a small fee to see the game to pay for the use of the lights at the Alumni Field.

Recommendations

Mike requested the following members to write the following recommendations by the next meeting.

Judy Worth-Parking

Mary K Walker - Cafeteria Study Hall

Sam Hester

Dave Young-Bookstore
 Ronnie Reeves-Letter to Pat Boone

Lecture Series

Discouragement was expressed by Mike because of the poor reception from the students to Major General Davis' presence on campus. This poor response may be an indication of the poor response to the newly passed SA Lecture Series. After some discussion, the Council agreed to attempt this series. Following are some of the points discussed concerning visiting speakers.

There is a difference between an informative speaker and an attractive speaker.

To obtain an audience, efforts must be pooled to advertise and talk up the speaker.

There is a need to have more controversial speakers on campus that in the long run involve all political feelings.

Mike reported that he does not have to get the approval from Dr. Ganus of possible speakers before discussing in SA. The SA must decide upon a speaker for Dr. Ganus' approval before his return in three weeks from the Far East.

Coffee House

The Council agreed that the Coffee House have its grand opening during Pledge Week on Tuesday and Thursday nights, November 7 and 9. Lundy Neely is to be in charge of the Coffee House for the year. It will open on Friday nights following Pledge Week when there are no school functions.

NEW BUSINESS

Boys' New Ruling

Mike reported to the Council of the demonstration held by some Armstrong and West Dorm boys protesting the new rule applied on them Monday to be in the dorm by a certain time (freshmen at 10:30 p.m. and upper classmen at 11:00 p.m.) for room check and the locking of the dorms for the night. Problems with the boys have caused the administration to make such a ruling. The boys were informed of the rule by a letter of its announcement placed under dorms' doors on Monday, October 30. The demonstration was held on the night of the rule's effect, Monday.

The following is a summary of the individual Council members' comments concerning this policy and its campus reaction.

Mike-Expressed desire for the administration to know SA is behind the new policy. If demonstration gets results, what will students do next time when something happens against students' wishes. Asked the Council for their discussion on this matter.

^{REPORTED}
Dave-~~agreed~~ that Richard Davis and he had part in the leadership of the demonstration for the following reasons.

Letter sent to boys gave no reason for the rule.

Letter was distributed at a tedious time-nine weeks tests.

No results in past from SA actions with administration concerning reconsideration of policy.

No right to suddenly enforce a rule never enforced before that has been in the HANDBOOK for years.

Rule did not equally affect all boys.

The "legitimate excuse" to stay out was not defined.

A rule needed for 15 boys was applied on 300.

For order to demonstration, Both felt necessity to help in its leadership.

Both feel the demonstration was the only way to get immediate action from the Administration.

Mike-Agreed letter to the boys was poorly written and timed but said that it has been proven that the administration will listen to the students orderly requests without a mass demonstration through SA.

Made the following points in reply to Dave

Important matter about demonstration is not the reasons for for the happening but the principle behind it.

Must be noted that probably 10% of students would have been upset if the reasons for the ruling had been revealed.

If students would cooperate with the administration by reporting policy-breakers to them there would be no need for such a rule.

Harding boys may fuss about this new rule, but the state schools already have even stricter rules.

Gailyn-Asked pertinent question concerning the purpose of Harding.

Is Harding built around political tactics?

Are students here working for or against the administration?

Is it mature or immature in attitude to cause pressure on campus?

Richard-Stated fact demonstration did do good because Dean Allison has agreed to hear the boys on their reaction to the ruling.

Mike-Revealed reasons he knew to necessitate the new rule:

drinking

gambling

stealing

flunking

Dr. Gilliam-Expressed that SA's involvement in the demonstration revealed its own disillusionment in the organization's power to approach student-administration problems. The SA's help with the demonstration also boosted the idea to demonstrate about those things that might undermine the SA. Legitimate channels, as SA on the Harding campus, should be tested and tried before the use of other means.

Dave-Revealed feeling that a demonstration was a means of self expression.

Mike-Defended administrative actions to be of good motives for he had sat in on many of their meetings.

Judy-Recommended a dorm counselor committee to be responsible to SA in reporting student opinion.

Richard-Expressed favor in SA involvement in dorms to widen student communication.

Mike-Revealed that the actual root of the problem which led to the demonstration is the "lack of communication between administration and students and vice versa."

Gailyn-Expressed fear that this demonstration may have set a precedent for the future.

Dave-Disagreed with Gailyn because small demonstrations have occurred before without setting a precedent. Need to salvage from the demonstration to the boys that there is no need to demonstrate to express feeling to administration because they can come to the SA.

Ronnie-Admitted he felt demonstration did some good which SA could not have done.

Mike-Questioned why the announcement letter of the rule was not sent to SA for opinion of the student reaction.

Dave-Expressed hope that the administration has learned from this happening to contact the students before attempting to make and enforce new rules.

Judy-Revealed her observation of how the faculty seem to look at Harding students in a paternal sense instead as mature individuals. This attitude needs to change but perhaps only with the students maturing in behavior.

Sam-Expressed the need of a closer relationship between the students and administration.

Dave-Suggested that one from each wing of Armstrong and West be elected to meet with Dean Allison concerning the rule.

Judy-Made suggestion of a Dorm Council to decide discipline with the counsel of a faculty advisor. The Council would decide recommendations to make to the administration for discipline policies. This council functions at O.C.C.

Dave-Moved that the SA ask the administration to have a meeting with representatives elected Wednesday night from the wings of Armstrong and West to meet on Saturday after the home football game, November 4, to clarify the rule and the reasons for the rule. His motion also included another meeting with all the dorms to clarify the rules to all the boys. These meetings are to be coordinated by the SA with

ATGSR
 Gailyn Van Rheenan presiding at the Saturday meeting since Mike will be taking his GRE test. Dr. Gilliam is to assist Gailyn Saturday. Judy seconded the motion and it carried.

Mike-Made following chart of communication improvements between the administration and students

Administration

Tell whole truth to students
 Ask SA for student opinion
 Hold forums and talkations to discuss problems.
 Admit mistakes openly

Students

Act mature
 Student clean-up bad morality.

Richard-Reported plan to write an editorial about the communication problem between administration and student body in BISON.

Council-Discussed in general how the SA had been awakened to its function to the students as the student government. Decided that Gailyn state at the boys' meeting that the SA has been awakened to its responsibility and that in any problems among students about the school and its policies, ask the students to feel free to bring them before the SA for action. Demonstration is not necessary to get the administration to listen to the students.

Following are suggestions made by Council to broaden the scope of communication between the students and SA.

Have weekly chapel period for SA report.
 Ditto minutes and send to students.
 Post SA recommendation replies.
 Print in BISON replies from SA recommendations.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Upon request of Martina Prock, the Council briefly discussed having Junior Varsity Cheerleaders. Though the problem of paying for their uniforms would be solved by their willingness to pay for them individually, there is still the problem of contemptible rivalry developing between the two groups of cheerleaders.

Adjournment

Dave moved and Richard seconded the idea that the meeting be adjourned. After Mike's reminder to the Council to think and talk with friends about the communication problem Harding faces, he adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Howell

Helen Howell, SA Secretary.